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Serial No.
09/398,897

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Examiner
Robert C. Hayes

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Title: STABLE NEURAL STEM CELLS

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a Request to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment (3 pages);
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In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

YANG ET AL.

Appln. No.: 09/398,897

Group Art Unit: 1647

Filed: September 20, 1999

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For: STABLE NEURAL STEM CELLS

July 11, 2003

REQUEST TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

On July 7, 2003, Applicants received an Official Action, dated July 1, 2003, indicating that the above-referenced patent application had been abandoned for failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on November 19, 2002.

It is respectfully submitted that a proper reply to the Office letter was filed on May 1, 2003 and received by the Patent Office on May 6, 2003, as evidence by the attached stamped postcard receipt.

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More specifically, on May 1, 2003, Applicants filed the following with the Patent Office:

- a) two copies of a Combined Amendment & Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a);
- b) an Amendment;
- c) a check for \$465.00;
- d) a postcard receipt; and
- e) a Certificate of Mailing by First Class Mail Under 37 CFR 1.8.

A copy of the complete filing is attached.

On May 12, 2003, Applicants received a stamp postcard receipt, dated May 6, 2003, from the Patent Office. A copy of the stamped postcard receipt is attached.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.8(b), the undersigned:

- (1) has informed the Office of the previous mailing promptly after becoming aware that the Office has no evidence of receipt of the correspondence;
- (2) has supplied an additional copy of the previously mailed correspondence and certificate; and
- (3) hereby attests on a personal knowledge basis to the previous timely mailing.

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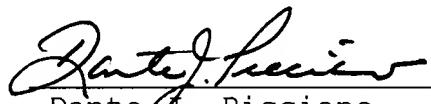
In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn and that the Amendment filed May 1, 2003 be entered in the above-referenced patent application.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at (570) 386-5744.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

I hereby certify that the following documents relating to the above-identified application:

1. Combined Amendment & Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) Transmittal Letter (Small Entity) (2 page -2 copies)
2. Amendment in Response to Office Action of November 19, 2002 (12 pages)
3. Check # 15072 in the amount of \$465.00

are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to:

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on May 1, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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